

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A hollow needle holder comprising:

(a) a hollow needle container having an inside and an outside and a first face comprising a closable opening and a second face;

(b) a hollow needle fixing device disposed from the inside the hollow needle container on said second face for receipt of a hollow needle or an adapter for a hollow needle attachable to the hollow needle fixing device from the outside through an opening in the second face of the hollow needle container and projecting through said hollow needle fixing device into said hollow needle container; and

(c) an unlocking mechanism for releasing the hollow needle or adapter after use so that the hollow needle fixing device

together with the hollow needle or adapter falls into said hollow needle container after activation of said unlocking mechanism, said unlocking mechanism having a closure device comprising at least one slide for both unlocking the hollow needle fixing device and closing said hollow needle container.

Claim 2 (original): The hollow needle holder according to claim 1, further comprising an anchoring device releasably fixing said hollow needle fixing device in place on said hollow needle holder.

Claim 3 (original): The hollow needle holder according to claim 1, wherein said hollow needle fixing device is engageable on the hollow needle holder.

Claim 4 (original): The hollow needle holder according to claim 2, wherein the hollow needle holder has a passage opening for the hollow needle or the adapter and at least one attachment opening for said hollow needle fixing device on said second face.

Claim 5 (original): The hollow needle holder according to claim 1, wherein said hollow needle fixing device has at least

one flexible arm having a wedge-shaped projection for engagement on said hollow needle holder.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The hollow needle holder according to claim 2, wherein said unlocking mechanism has at least ~~one~~ a second slide for releasing said anchoring device.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The hollow needle holder according to claim 6, wherein said ~~at least one~~ second slide has a guide engaging said anchoring device.

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (currently amended): The hollow needle holder according to claim 6, wherein said ~~at least one~~ second slide projects beyond an edge of said hollow needle container.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): The hollow needle holder according to claim 6, wherein said unlocking mechanism has a cap arranged to rotate on said hollow needle container, said at least one slide being arranged so that rotation of said cap moves said at least one slide.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): The hollow needle holder according to claim 10, wherein said cap has a guide and said at least one slide has a guide element engaging said guide.

Claims 12-13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The hollow needle holder according to claim 1, wherein said hollow needle fixing device is arranged offset from a center axis of said hollow needle holder in a radial direction.

Claim 15 (withdrawn): The hollow needle holder according to claim 1, further comprising a plug-in connector disposed in said hollow needle fixing device for rotatably mounting said hollow needle or adapter.